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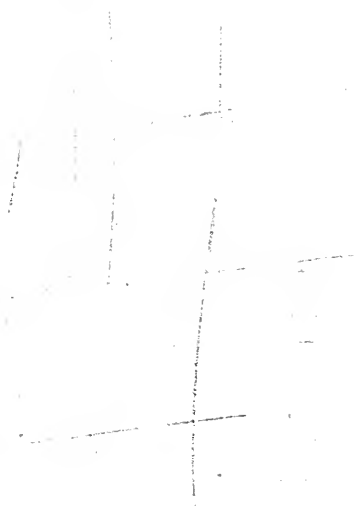
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TO THE
LOYAL READER.

Although the First Part of this Discourse Treats of the Tory Plot, only as cunningly couched, and wrapt up in the Addresses and Abhorrences, yet it is not to be imagined it had its beginning There, but that it had its Birth much sooner, as I shall plainly demonstrate in the following Discourse, by many unquestionable and unanswerable Proofs. The Tories indeed talk much of their Loyalty, and make great Boasting of their firm Resolution to Live and Die at the Kings feet, in defense of his Power and Authority, against all manner of Enemies and Opposers whatsoever, yet there is nothing in the World more plain, then that they are a company of false Loons, that designe the Ruin of the King and the Protestant Religion, even by these specious pretenses of Loyalty, and the many fained promises they daily make his Majesty of standing by him with their Lives and Fortunes; neither has there been any thing in the World more usual, then for the worst Enemies a King has in his whole Court, (who impatiently wait, and greedily long for an opportunity to accomplish his Ruin) to be the greatest flatterers and boasters of their Loyalty, as those who are acquainted with History very well know: It was these fained friends, and pretended Loyalists, that were the fatal Enemies, who contrived and accomplished the deplorable ruin of these renowned Warriors Julius Cæsar and Charles Duke of Burgundy, and many more, who have been so infatuated, as to give credit to such wheedling, deceitful, and designing Courtiers. With how much Tory Zeal

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hath the cutting and defacing the Duke of Yorks Picture been improved, to the villifying the Desenting Protestants, as if they were like Tories, of such splenitick and revengeful Natures, that rather then be frustrated of all revenge, they would Stab an Innocent Picture: The next day after it was done, there was a grave Sermon-Reader that wears a Scarf, and thinks himself as Reverend a Don as the best, who enquired of some Gentlemen, whether they heard the News? No said they, what news pray? ha! said he, The Game is begun, the Whigs have defaced the Dukes Picture: But this Canonical Blade was mistaken, for it was not a Protestant, but a Papist that did it, in hopes to exasperate the King and his Royal Highness against the City, as appears since by the seizing of Brooks a Papist, who owned that he was the Man that did it, before several Witnesses that have sworn the same, and he now stands bound over to answer for it next Sessions.

I have endeavoured in the following Pages, to discover several of the steps whereby this Mystery of Iniquity is advanced; The more secret Springs, and Subornations, and Villanies behind the Courtain, are not unknown, but it may not yet be Seasonable. Indeed the perfect History of Torism will require a Volume, and when accomplish'd, twill abundantly outwye the Adventures of Cataline; but God be thanked, we want not some Wise and Honest Cicero's to descry, and (we hope) prevent their Hellish designs.

IT is a most certain and infallible Truth, That there hath been a cursed Design for many years carried on by the Papists, to subvert the Protestant Religion, and utterly root out and extirpate that (as they are pleased to call it) *Pestilent Northern Heresie*; wherein they had received many Defeats, and met with innumerable Disappointments, which very much heightened their malice and rage, and quickned their desire of Revenge, which they thought must be done quickly, for fear of losing for ever that Opportunity which mightily depended upon the next Successor to the Crown of *England*: So that about the Years 1677, and ---78, they formed a most Damnable and Hellish Conspiracy against the Kings Life, and the Protestant Religion, which was managed with so much Subtilty and Secresie, and promoted by such vast numbers of all sorts and degrees of Papists, that they boasted with much Confidence to their Confederates in *France*, That *they were never in so much probability of succeeding since the Reign of Queen Mary*. But this Plot being by the Providence of God discovered and frustrated, the *Tories* presently entred into a Conspiracy to stifle as soon as possible the Noise of this Plot, and yet at the same time promote the Design and Tendency thereof.

But before I discourse of the *Tory's Plot*, I shall give the Reader an Impartial Character of them,

because they would fain disguise themselves, that so they may appear to the World what they are not, *viz.* The most loyal Subjects and Friends the King has, when indeed they are the direct contrary, as will easily appear by what follows.

A TORY is one that pretends to love the King, and wish for his long Life, but secretly hates him, and hopes the Duke of York may out-live him : He is one that rails against all that are not of his dissolute and traitorous humour, as Dissenters and Rebels against the Kings Laws ; and yet themselves are the greatest Dissenters and Rebels, for they come less to Church than those they call Dissenters ; only with this difference, the one comes not to Church because he attends the Worship and Service of God in some other place, where it is not incumbered with so many Humane Inventions, which are acknowledged by the Imposers as indifferent, but by him esteemed unnecessary ; the other absents himself from Church on far different reasons, either he came not to his Lodging till four or five, or it may be six or seven in the morning, and so spends the day in sleep, or else he is visiting his Miss, and spending his time in her lascivious Embraces, or else Carousing with his *Tory-Companions*, quaffing the Dukes Health, and making the House ring with *Huzza's*, instead of Psalms and Hymns ; or it may be he comes not to Church, because he is better employ'd in going up and down from one Conventicle to another, to catch at something which they may convey to the Authors of *Heraclitus* and the *Observer*, to fill up their next Weeks Pamphlets ; and if they meet not with any thing worth their while, yet they do as good Service by disturbing the damn'd Whiggs by their laughing,

laughing, swearing, cursing, and the like ; or else he comes not to his Parish Church, because he employs himself in going from one Church to another, and just puts his head in at the Church-doors, hearkens what subject the Parson is preaching upon, and if he preach up nothing but Hell and Heaven, and a good Life, and press the necessity of Repentance and Reformation, in order to the obtaining of Salvation, away he flings in a rage ; *D---me*, says he, *this Fellow's Whiggefi'd* ; and then away he runs to another : and to be sure he fails not to visit *Guild-hall-Chappel*, and other Churches, where any of the City-Magistrates usually frequent, and if they meet with any of the high-flown *Crape-Gown-Men*, that thunder briskly against the Dissenters, affirming them equally as bad or worse than the Papists, and makes the Church eccho with the roaring sound of *Forty One*, and *Forty Eight*, away he goes huffing, and cries, *D---me, this is a brave Fellow, he is a true Tory, it is great pity but he should be promoted.*

He is more disloyal, and a greater Rebel, than those they would represent as such ; for he breaks the Laws more, and violates more Statutes in one day, than the other doth in his whole Life ; only with this difference, the Dissenter doth not obey some Statutes about Uniformity in Religion, because (as he apprehends at least) they command something contrary to the Laws of God, but the other lives in a daily contempt and violation of divers Laws that do (as themselves confess) exactly agree and correspond with the Laws of God, *viz.* those against Swearing, Whoring, Drunkenness, Drinking of Healths, Gaming, breaking the Sabbath, with abundance more of the like nature. A Tory is one that esteems him the

best Subject who displays his Loyalty by damning the Kings best Friends, and drinking Healths to the utter Confusion of those who were most instrumental in the Kings Restauration, and him the best Protestant that makes it his business to promote Protestantcy by advancing Popery, and undertakes to secure the Protestant Faith by endeavouring to advance a Popish Defender of it. In a word a Tory is a *Monstrous* and prodigious kind of Animal, that looks like the illiterate brood of those mungrel *Samaritans*, whose Religion was compounded of fearing the Lord, and serving their own Gods; for he Worships Christ, and yet Adores Anti-Christ; he pretends to imbrace the Doctrines of God, but yet prefers the Traditions of men before them; he professes the Gospel, but yet endeavours to the uttermost of his power to eclipse the light, and hinder the Progress thereof. Having thus given you the Character of a Tory, I will next give you an account of the Plot and Conspiracie he is carrying on against the King and Government, and the Protestant Religion.

The Tory Plot seems to have Commenced before the Discovery of the Popish Plot, and that they embraced the Interest of *Rome* much earlier than 1679. and lent them a lifting hand in the management of their Plot, as well as in the stifling thereof: For it cannot be imagined with any probability of Reason, that all those who were in the Year 1661. imployed to Sham a Plot upon the *Presbyterians*, which was industriously carried on in no less than 16 Counties, were Papists. But having failed in that, their next Plot was to persuade and wheedle the King into a belief that he was an Absolute Monarch, and had an uncontrollable right to dispose

dispose of all Persons and Things within his Dominions, according to the Dictates of his own Will, which is not to be bounded by any Laws whatsoever; to which end there were several Tracts Written and Printed for to prove that *William* the First, commonly called the Conqueror, made a compleat Conquest of *England*, and divided it between himself and his *Normans*; which is notoriously false, as appears by the Formality used at his Coronation, when the Arch-Bishop demanded of the people whether they were willing to have *William* to be their King? which needed not to have been done if he had made such an Absolute Conquest as they would suggest: it appears also by the Coronation Oath which was then given him by the Arch-Bishop of *York*, which take as follows.

First, *I will defend the Churches of God, and all its Pastors.* Secondly, *I will Interdict Rapines, and all injustice to all orders of men.* Thirdly, *I do promise, and will command, that in all Judgments Justice and Mercy shall be mingled together, to the end that God who is the Omnipotent Judge of the world, and Ruleth over all, maybe pleased out of his infinite Compassion to be propitiously good and merciful to us all.* Fourthly, *That I will Govern both the English and French by the same equality of Law, without respect to either.*

Others to prove Monarchy to be *Jure Divino*, from whence they would inter two things. First, That the King may Rule and Govern how he pleases, either with or without the Peoples Representatives. Secondly, That by reason of this Divine Right, it is utterly unlawful for any, yea for the King himself to attempt the least Alteration whatsoever in the

Line of Succession to the Crown, how weighty soever the Reasons may be for which they pretend to make the Alteration; yet those confident Asserters of the Divine Right of Kings, have not been so kind as to oblige the World with so much as one single instance of any one Government, that ever sprang up in the whole Universal World, that was not founded either upon the Conquest of the Prince, or the Choice of the people, or both. Many when they consider for whose, and what Interest this is designed, and who are the managers of it, it fills them with amazement and confusion, and they cannot but admire that persons who pretend to be Pillars of the Protestant Religion, should lend a helping hand towards the overthrow and subversion of the famous Structure they pretend to uphold: but when I consider that it is within the memory of many yet living, how impudently they affronted the Almighty to his Face, by procuring Books of Debauchery to be Read in the Places, and at the Time of Divine Worship, I must confess I do not wonder at it; yet as bad as they are, one thing I have to say in their commendation, they are Pious Souls, great admirers of *Grace*, still wishing and waiting for it, and even languishing for the blessed time when it will descend to them.

Among the rest of those High-Flown Blades, see a little out of the Famed Doctor *Parker*, Chaplin to the late Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, who very Gravely affirms, That the Supream Magistrate is invested with a Power to Govern and Conduct the Consciences of his Subjects in matters of Religion, which is subject to his Dominion as well as other things, and to bind them to that Religion which he apprehends most

most advantageous to the Publick Peace and Tranquility; for in Cases and Disputes of Publick concernment, private men are not properly *Sui Juris*, they have no power over their own Actions, they are not to be directed by their own Judgments, or determined by their own Wills, but by the Commands and Determinations of the Publick Conscience; for God hath appointed Sovereigns to be his Trustees and Officials to act and determine in moral Vertues and Pious Devotion, according to all accidents and emergencies of Affairs, to assign new particulars of the Divine Law, and to declare new bounds of right or wrong (*Except the Succession to the Crown*) which the Law of God neither doth nor can limit, and that this investiture was inherent in Princes, by an antecedent right to Christ. There were innumerable of these Flatterers, some of which since the Plot filled most of their Pages with Arguments, to prove that neither the King nor the Parliament, nor both in Conjunction, have power lawfully to alter the Succession to the Crown, and they were so very angry with the Parliaments for attempting it, that I very well remember after the Dissolution of one of the Parliaments, there came out one of the most impudent and audacious Libels against the Government that ever the Sun saw, I have almost forgot the name of it, it was a very cramp one, I think they Baptized it by the name of the *Loyal Apostrophe*; it was a kind of sawcy Petition, or arrogant Address to the King.

That since he had tried Parliaments so often, and still found them so contrary to his Inclinations, he would at last rouse up himself, and assume that power that God and Nature had given him, and for the future throw

off Parliaments as intolerable and insufferable Fetters to the Heroic and magnanimous Designs of Princes, and therefore no longer to be indured; assuring His Majesty, that if he would venture to try this experiment, he should thereby procure more Friends than he could Create Enemies, and draw over more to his Interest from one side, then he should lose by it on the other. With abundance more such stuff, which if any have a mind to see, I refer them to the Pamphlet it self, and yet these very persons have the impudence to Monopolise Loyalty to themselves, calling themselves Loyallists, or the Loyal Party, swearing D---'em, they are for the Government as it is by Law Establisht, as if the Parliament were no part of the Constitution of our Government. Now if any man have a Plot against any part or Member of my Body, I should account him an enemy to my whole body, although their design should be only against my little Finger.

Upon the discovery of the Popish Plot, the *Tories* could only help them by sympathising with them; and bearing part of the grief for that unhappy miscarriage, however it was not long before they agreed what measures to take in helping the Papists off with their Plot, and Translate it upon the *Whiggs*; but according to the Proverb first creep and then go; at first they only wished the Witnesses were not too fierce in their accusations; and then they would insinuate that it was very improbable that the Papists should have such a Plot ready to be Executed, yet none of the Commissions or Arms found, and when *Coatman* and the Jesuits died, protesting their Innocency, this was laid hold on presently, and improved to the best advantage, as if the dying Pro-
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testation of a Papist, whereby he hopes to escape the doleful pains of Purgatory, and pass immediatly without any more ado into a Fools Paradise, were a sufficient ground for a Protestant to believe infallibly that there was no Plot, although *Coalman* and some of the rest, their own Letters which they acknowledged were of their own hand-writing, gave their last dying Speeches the lye, for which reason, though it may be evidence sufficient to invalidate the Truth of the Plot in general, and clear their several Innocencies in particular, in the apprehensions of *Tories*, yet not of Protestants.

Another thing laid hold on by the *Tories* to procure a disbelief of the Popish Plot, was several of the Conspirators impudently denying any kind of knowledge of their Accusers, affirming that they never saw them before, or not above once, and that without having any acquaintance or converse with them; and this they would audaciously affirm, with the most solemn Protestations, Oaths, and Asseverations imaginable: *Why now*, says *Tory*, *can any thing in the World be more plain then this? They do not know these men, they never saw them in their lives before:* But hold a little, *Tory*, let us see how you can acquit them of these Contradictions; *Berry* and *Hill* affirm that they never saw *Gerald*, yet it was proved at their Trials that they had frequent meetings with him at the Plow Alehouse, and *Hill* himself acknowledged before the Council he did know him. *Grove* and *Fennick* think they might have seen *Oats*, but both affirm they never had any acquaintance with him; yet afterwards one acknowledged he lent him money, and the other that he paid it for him, and that he had been several times in Company with them

both. My Lord *Stafford* at his Trial and death, solemnly Protested he never spake with *Dugdale* but once, and that in publick too, about a Foot Boy, or some such business; yet there were no less then Eleven Affidavits produced, that this Lord had frequent Conversation with Mr. *Dugdale* in private, and was very familiar with him. And at his death he renounced all hope of Salvation, if he, or any else as he knew of, were guilty of the Crimes laid to his Charge; yet a Letter was found and seized in Mr. *Astons* Study at *Texal*, Dated Oct. 8. 1678. Wherein were these words: My Lord, the Plot is discovered, and we are all undone, I am going into *Shropshire* to stifle it as much as I can, and I pray do you the same in *Staffordshire*. Subscribed *Stafford*. From whence we may learn how well Tory and Papists are agreed in their attempts to stifle the Plot.

What was he but a *Tory*, (I am confident he will not say he is a Papist) that took Mr. *Bedloe* into his Closet, and asked him whether the Duke of *Buckingham*, or the Lord *Shaftsbury*, or any Member of the House of Commons, had desired him to say any thing against him, and to tell him who they were, and he would reward him, desiring to know if he would desist from giving Evidence against the Lords in the *Tower*, and telling him he might for so doing have a great Sum of Money and live in another Country, either *Geneva*, *Sweden*, or *New-England*, and he should have what Money he would ask for, to maintain him there. But he not succeeding, another undertakes the management of the Plot, viz. *R--* who like old *Hedg* and the rest of the *Tory*-crew, pretended to be mighty desirous of a full discovery of the Popish Plot, and by all means would have the

the Conspirators Prosecuted with the uttermost severity that the Law would afford : and when and wheresoever he was with Mr. *Bedloe* in publick, no man more forward than he in perswading him to make a full discovery of the Plot, without sparing any person whatsoever. Who would think, to have heard this man talk at this rate, that he had been one of the Papists Emissaries, and a Factor for *Rome*? yet so he was, for the sly *Torr*, when he got Mr. *Bedloe* alone, with the most powerful Arguments imaginable, being all of them tipt with Gold, pleaded the cause of the Lords in the *Tower*, who had retained him for their side, and passionately intreated Mr. *Bedloe* to dock and mince his Evidence: Telling him it was not safe to run at the whole *Herd*, and therefore he would advise him as he was his Friend, and one for whom he had a very great kindness, not to be so hot, but a little more easy in his Evidence against the Lords, *Powis*, *Peter* and *Stafford*, with Sir *Henry Tichburn*, assuring him he should for this service have an Estate of my Lord *Staffords* in *Gloucester-shire*, for I have, said he, orders from him to draw up a Blank Deed, which I engage my life for it, he shall sign within ten days after his discharge, besides other noble rewards he was to receive from the other Lords. And at present, says he, I have orders from them to supply you with what mony you have occasion for, and accordingly Mr. *Bedloe* received from him at several times about fifty six Guinees. But Mr. *Agent* resolved to get something by the Defendent as well as the Plaintiff, and therefore he told Mr. *Bedloe* that for this service which he should do him in raising his Fortune, he could do no less then give him one Hundred Pound

per annum, out of every Thousand pound *per annum*, he should get by this Service.

*O Rome, quoth Tory, I would not be thine,
Wer't not for love I bear unto thy Coine ;
Nor would I with such horrid Treasons hold,
Won't they rewarded with such heaps of Gold.*

And now *Tory* supposing he had by these large promises brought Mr. *Bedloe* to his Bow, demands of him an Account of what he would say against the Lords; and he presently told him, and when he spoke any thing that was home, *Tory* would tell him of it, and desire him to make it more easy. This Paper dictated by *Bedloe*, and corrected by himself, he carries to the Lords in the *Tower*, but brought back from them another Paper, which at his Tryal he himself own'd, far different from what they two had concluded on before, wherein *Bedloe's* Evidence against the Lords in the *Tower* was so curtail'd that it signified just nothing at all, (yet I do not question but their Historians make good use of it to deceive other Nations at present, and our own hereafter) all this was so plainly proved upon him, that he had nothing wherewith to excuse himself, but this Idle Ridiculous Flam, That *Bedloe* proposed the matter to him first, and he good man designed not to stifle any thing of Truth, but only to prevent his drawing upon himself the Guilt of Perjury and innocent blood.

*You see, disloyal Tories never did as yet,
By Plots to stifle Plots; want either love or wit.*

One of those *Tory* blades, a Member of the House of Commons, was so hot and fiery in the management of this *Tory* Plot, that he affirmed they were all Sons of Whores and lying Rogues that said there was a *Popish* Plot; for which he was called to an account by the Commons, and by Order of the House sent to the *Tower* and expell'd the House; and *L'Estrange*, Scribler-general to the whole Society of *Tories*, forms a Plot against the discovery of the Plot by *Dr. Oates*, which he prosecutes with all imaginable eagerness, in that which he calls his *Further Discovery*, and innumerable other *Pamphlets* of the like tendency, in some of which he endeavours to bring his Majesty into an ill opinion of the Citizens of *London*, by representing them as the basest and most disloyal persons in all his Dominions, affirming that a Citizens skull is good for nothing but to try the mettle of a Souldiers Sword upon. And to bring the greater *Odium* upon the *Whiggs*, they are fiercely charged with the Murder of *Dr. Sharp* Archbishop of *St. Andrews*, although the Barbarous and Execrable fact was not perpetrated by *Whiggs* but *Tories*, for *Haxstow* the principal Murtherer was a base vild profligate fellow, and so far from a *Whig*, that he was scarcely admitted to the Society of any sober men, notwithstanding which he was a little before this Assassination the Bishops great Favorite, but having conceived some displeasure against him, he imprisoned and otherwise dealt severely with him, whereat he was so much inraged, that he resolved on, and acted that inhumane Murther, in revenge of those personal injuries he pretended the Bishop had done him. The *Tory*-Plot had such good success, that the *Popish* Plot

Plot began to be every where discredited, and a *Presbyterian* Plot to be more generally believed, whereupon the hopes of the *Papish* Conspirators began to revive, that all their designs would at last be effected, notwithstanding the many disappointments they had hitherto met withal; Wherefore they imployed one Mr. *Edward Fitz-Harris* an *Irish Papist*, who had been formerly acquainted with, Mr. *Everard*, when they were both in the *French Kings* Service, to go to him, and by pretending abundance of kindness for him, renew his acquaintance with him again, which he did, and having prepared his way by several preceding discourses, upon *February 21. 1681.* He put him upon writing a Pamphlet, to Libel and Scandalize the King, Allienate the hearts of his Subjects, raise a Rebellion, and set us together by the Ears, that we being in confusion at home, might not be able to oppose the *French King* in his designs on *Flanders* and *Holland*, which as soon as he had subdued, he might then have made an easy Conquest of *England*.

Fitz-Harris gave *Everard* some heads and instructions by word of Mouth for the drawing up this *Libel*, and the next day *Fitz-Harris* came to his Chamber again, and having perused what *Everard* had drawn up, he gave him further instructions to this purpose, *viz.* That he must represent the King as a *Papist*, which might easily be proved by his espousing the Duke of *Torks* interest, and preferring known *Papists* with abundance of such Treasonable stuff, which was to be concluded with exciting the people to Rebellion, advising them to blow the Trumpet bouldly. This *Libel* was to have
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been Printed in the name of all the *Nonconformists*, and to be sent by the *Peny-post* to the *Protesting Lords*, and the leading men of the *House of Commons*, who were to be taken up as soon as they had received it, that so being searched it might have been found about them. Great was the expectations of the *Papists* from this Plot, expecting as great a thing from it as they had done from that which was unhappily stifled in *Dame Celiers Meal-Tub*; but this Plot under-went the same fate as the rest had done, it was discovered, and *Fitz-Harris* seized and sent to *New-gate*; but that which was still worse, he confessed his being Guilty of what he was charged with, and made several other very considerable discourses in Relation to the *Papish Plot*, whereby they looked upon themselves as quite undone, unless they could find out some way or other to Invalidate this Evidence of *Fitz-Harris's*, and therefore all hands to work, and the *Tories* were no less busie in this work, then the *Papist*, for when ever they came in Company where *Fitz-Harris* was spoken of, why truly, saith *Tory*, I know not what to think of this fellows Evidence, its greatly suspected that the Lord *Howard of Efcrike* hath been tampering with him: and whilst *Mr. Fitz-Harris* lay in the *Tower* under Sentence of *Condemnation*, a Paper was written, which after his Execution was Published under the Title of the Confession of *Edward Fitz-Harris*, the very design and tendancy whereof, was to overthrow the belief of a *Papish Plot*, and perswade the World into a firm belief of a *Protestant* one, and so admirably was it framed, and ingeniously contrived, for the proving a *Protestant Conspiracy*, that there was hardly one line

of the whole *Paper* that was not accommodated for that purpose, and yet it was not a *Papist* but a *Tory* that Midwifed it into the World, and to procure it the more belief and credit, vouch'd it upon the Faith of Christian, and the word of a Minister of the Gospel; how truly, let the Reader judge by what follows.

The Confession tells us that *Fitz-Harris* was no further concerned in the *Libel* for which he was convicted, then as imployed to give the King notice of things of that nature (*he would have done well to have named by whom he was imployed*) and as for that part of it which he left with *Everard*, he received it of my Lord *Howard*, (*as if this Libel which the framer of the Confession would insinuate, was drawn up by the Presbyterians, was divided into several Pieces, and my Lord Howard only intrusted with one of them*)

(1.) Yet the Evidence given at his Trial was very full and clear, that he himself dictated the matter of that *Libel*, Corrected it, made additions to it, and that at his own request *Everard* drew it up into form, which is something more then being meerly imployed to find it out.

(2.) When he was in *Newgate*, he complained to the Sheriffs, that he was pressed with promise of a Pardon to accuse the Lord *Howard* and *Shaftsbury* of that *Libel*, and was so importuned thereunto, that he fell on his knees, and begg'd he might not be any further pressed in that matter, for he protested before God that they knew nothing of it. And Mrs. *Fitz-Harris* by a Deposition upon Oath August the 15, 1681. affirms that her Husband a little before his Execution told her that there had been
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great offers made him, if he would at first have charged the aforeſaid *Libel* upon the Earl of *Shaftsbury*, and my Lord *Howard*, and adviſed her to do it as the only means left to ſave his life, yet he proteſted at the ſame time they were wholly Innocent. She likewiſe depoſed that a certain Gentleman, aſſured her ſhe ſhould have what money ſhe pleaſed, if ſhe would accuſe the Earl of *Shaftsbury* as Author of that *Libel*. Nay *Fitz-Harris* himſelf the very night before his Execution, wrote a Paper to his Wife, wherein he tells her by whom he was adviſed to accuſe them, and other Gentlemen of the ſaid *Libel*, and that it was the promiſe of a Pardon that had prevailed upon him to do it; but he finds he is deluded, and declares before God that they were innocent, and he had wronged them in accuſing them.

Saith the Framer of the Confession, The Lord *Howard* told me of a deſign to ſeize the King and carry him into the City, and there detain him till he had condeſcended to their deſires. *Heyns* and my ſelf were privy to this deſign, and had ſeveral meetings with the Lord *Howard*. The deſign of this Plot, as Father *Hawkings* tells you, was to oblige the King to call a *Parliament*, which ſhould ſit till the Bill of Excluſion, againſt the Duke was paſt, all evil Councellors were removed, and men of their chuſing put into places of truſt, the *Militia* ſettled, the *Navy* put into good hands, all Grievances redreſſed, and all things ordered according to their own liking, and then the Biſhops and other of the Clergy ſhould have ſuffered ſeverely. Thoſe ingaged in this deſign were men of Intereſt, and had 60000 men at Command in a very ſhort time.

And faith he, *Fitz-Harris* told me himself was to have Commanded a Company of Foot, *John Oneal*, and *Brian Heyns*, each of them another, and that a fourth person, whose name he purposely concealed, was to have Commanded a Man of War.

Besides the improbability that my Lord *Howard* should be so infatuated to discover an Affair of this Nature (if there had been any such thing) to a company of poor Indigent, Shabby, Debauched *Irish* Papists, who were no way capable either by their Council, Interest, or Contributions to promote such a Design, but must be supposed to betray it; for besides their indigency, and their hopes of raising their Fortunes thereby, there is no man whose reason is free and not Bribed by Interest, but may easily imagine that Papists would undoubtedly look upon the discovery of another Protestant Plot as the most effectual means to turn the Sword of Justice from those of their own Religion, and procure its being sheathed in the Bowels of those whom they always esteemed their implacable Enemies.

Pray tell us, if *Fitz-Harris* had so many meetings with the Lord *Howard* as the Framer of this Confession pretends he had, why doth he not give us a better account of this pretended Army, and tell who were to be the Commanders, where its Magazines, and where it was to have been Mustered; and not sham us with an idle sham of shabby *Irish* Bogtrotters, who were to Command in this Army, without naming any other but only a man in the Moon, for whom, being in haste, he could not think of a name, and therefore was forced to conceal it, as if our *English* Nobility and Gentry would be so wicked as to form a Rebellion, and ex-

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pend their Estates to Raise an Army ; and yet be so silly as to bestow the Command of it upon a company of beggerly *Irish* Ragamuffins, and reserve themselves and Friends to stop Bottles with, or perhaps to Trail a Pike under the Command of those *Irish* Heroes. And why did not the Doctor, since he boasts so much of his Loyalty, examine *Fitz-Harris* strictly, when he found him in so good a vein of Discovering, and Labour to get out of him the particulars of this Conspiracy, and not be put off with such a tale of a Tub in general only, and then have discovered all to Authority.

The Confessor tells us that the Sheriffs came to him with a token from my Lord *Howard*, and gave him great encouragement from him, that if he would but discover so much of the Plot as amounted to the introducing the *R. C.* or if he would but find out any that would criminate the Queen, or *R. H.* or make but a plausible story to confirm the Plot, then the Parliament would restore him to his Fathers Estate, &c.

And yet the Sheriffs will severally depose, that they never saw nor heard from my Lord *Howard*, in any kind, while *Fitz-Harris* was in *Newgate*, and that *Bethel* never saw *Fitz-Harris* in all his life, till the ninth of *March*, which was four days after his first Confession, in reference to the Popish Plot, to the Secretaries of State ; and had not then seen him neither, had not *Fitz-Harris* sent for him : and *Cornish* never saw him till the sixth of *March*, which was after the Secretaries Examination too, and then discoursed him only in the presence of Capt. *Richardson*, who can testify the fallness of this Paragraph.

In the next place he tells us that Sir *Robert Clayton*,

Sir George Treby, and the Sheriffs put him upon what he said about the Popish Plot, and that Sir George Treby swore God D---me, if you will but say so, we have enough that will swear it; and that he being Fettered, &c. complied with them.

But, besides its being notorious to all those that have any knowledge of Sir George Treby, that he doth not use to swear at all, much less to use that Tory Imprecation; can any man imagine he would be such a preposterous Fool as to speak these words? And discover to an *Irish* Papist, whom he had never seen before, that he and his Friends had a pack of Perjured Villans that would swear whatsoever they would have them. Besides, if they had such a parcel of Knights of the Post to swear, what need was there then to tamper with *Fitz-Harris* to say it? especially since he had made one Confession to the Secretaries of State, before either of the Sheriffs came near him, and had made three Confessions to them before Sir George Treby; or Sir Robert Claiton spoke a word to him; these considerations, and *Fitz-Harris* being never Fettered in *Newgate*, and thanking the Sheriffs, at the place of Execution, for their civility to him, may plainly demonstrate this Confession to be a meer sham: It is to be noted also, That *Narrative Smith*, otherwise *Barry*, was one of the most material Evidences against him, and if there were any such thing as my Lord *Howards* transacting in or about that Libel, why doth he not oblige his Tory Friends with a discovery thereof. But the truth is this Confession looks as like a Romance as *Palmerine of England*, or *Don Belleanis of Greece*.

Was not Mr. Gr---- Mr. B.---- and Mr. Bo---- that undertook the management of the Plot, to pro-

procure Captain *Henry Wilkinson* to be a witness against the Lord *Shaftsbury*, and to prove the Protestant Conspiracy, *Tories*? I am sure they will not say they are *Papists*; and yet how eagerly did they prosecute the Plot, following him from time to time, and still added to the promised reward, although it was very large at first, hoping thereby to allure him; and when this would not do, did they not imitate the *Devil* in his first Temptation, alluring his Wife to insnare him? and when they could not prevail, did they not in revenge swear High Treason against him? nor will the Authors of *Heracitus*, and the *Observer*, be willing to be taken for any other than *Tories*, and yet how hard did they Labor at it for several weeks together in malicious Libels, to bespatter and ridicule the information of Captain *Wilkinson*, and bring it in a general discredit, making people believe it was altogether fictitious? Nor are they all *Papists* who have indeavoured to decry and Sham the Murther of Sir *Edmond Bury Godfrey*, and indeavoured to free the *Papists* from the Guilt of that inhumane Murther, by Murthering him over again in his Reputation, and making him the Barbarous Assassinate of himself.

*I think by this all men may see,
Whose Friends it is the Tories be.*

Were there not abundance of *Tories*, as well as *Papists*, embarked in the design of swearing Sodomy against the Duke of *Buckingham*, hoping by that Plot to remove that obstacle out of their way? let those that doubt of it, consult the several Tryals in *Westminster-Hall* on that account. Was it not a *Tory* that with an impudence beyond that of the *Jesuits*, affirmed

affirmed in a late Libel, that there never was any thing more exactly proved nor nothing can be more unquestionable, and free from disputes, than that the Association was seized in the Earl of *Shaftsburies* Clofset, and yet *Gwyn* himself does not swear positively it was so. But grant it was found there, is it reasonable, or was it ever known that any man was questioned for a loose Paper without any Hand to it, found in his Study, that cannot be proved to this day, nor ever will, that it did any way belong to him, or that he ever saw or read it himself, or showed it to, or conferred with any one else about it; nor is it to be proved, notwithstanding all this clamor and noise the Abhorring Tories have made about the dismal and fatal consequences of this supposed Association, that ever any one man did Sign or Act upon it, or any thing like it. This Triumphant Tory has the Confidence to declare in defiance of Parliaments, that he would have the days of Dissolving the two last Parliaments kept as Anniversary Festivals, in commemoration of the great deliverance which was thereby obtained, for those who were incompassed with danger whilst they were in Session.

Pray who were they that raised the fatal storm against the Earl of *Argile*? And what might be the design thereof? Since he is a person who hath always approved himself a most Loyal Subject, cleaving to his Sovereigns Interest with such an unshaken Resolution that the most apparent dangers on the one hand, nor the highest preferments on the other were able to alter it, but he drew the Sword in his Majesties defence, and asserted the right of his Sovereign with the peril of his Life, against his nearest Relations, and that too when the Kings Fortune was at the lowest Ebb. From his very youth he made it the chief business of his Life to serve his

his Majesty, and with all imaginable constancy appeared in his Majesties Service, especially in times of Difficulty, having never joyn'd or complied in the least with any interest, or party whatsoever contrary to his Majesties Authority, but hath always served him in his own way, and that so much to his Majesties content, that the Earl received not a frown from him in Thirty years

His first appearance in the world was to serve His Majesty as Collonel of his Foot Guard, and though at that time all the Commissions were given out by the Parliament, yet he refused to serve without a Commission from his Majesty ; and after the misfortune of *Worcester*, wherein his Majesty was utterly overthrown, he still continued in Arms for his Majesties Service, when *Scotland* was over-run by the Usurpers, and did then make some opposition to them, by taking some of the Castles they had garrisoned in *Argyleshire*, and taking and killing three hundred of them in one day : After which he joyned with others that had Commissions from his Majesty, and stood out till the last. It is well known that he was for his Loyalty to his Prince kept in Prison till his Majesties happy Restoration. And in the year 1666. when the Rebellion broke out at *Pentland-Hills*, upon a bare Advertisement thereof, without any Order either from the Council or General, the intercourse being stopp'd, he brought together two thousand men for his Majesties Service, in order to the crushing that Rebellion. And when he met with a great deal of trouble upon the account of his Neighbours being rebelliously in Arms, and he had Commissions upon both publick and private accounts, he carried it dutifully to His Majesty, and performed what was commanded him, with a just moderation, as he is able to prove under the hands of his very enemies.

enemies by many unquestionable Demonstrations. And in this last Parliament in *Scotland*, he shewed an extraordinary forwardness to serve His Majesty and the Royal Family in asserting vigorously the Lineal Legal Succession of the Crown, and took a peculiar care to have it expressed in the Commissions of the Shires, and Borroughs, in which he had any interest; Nor was any one more forward in that *Parliament*, for offering sufficient supplies to his Majesty, and his Successor, neither did any man more readily concur, to bind the Land-lords for the Tenants, although he was Principally concerned, and to his lasting Fame he had such success in his indeavours, to keep his Tenants from Rebellion, that he always kept them firm in their Obedience to his Majesty.

Yet this Earl, notwithstanding this, is, for one supposed fault, *viz.* The taking a Test with a very short Explanation for the satisfying his own Conscience in some material points, is accused of High Treason, although a positive refusing to take the Test was not High Treason, but High Misdemeanor only, neither could his continued steadfastness to his Majesties interest, the many services he had done, and the many Hardships he had suffered for his Sovereign, no nor yet his being forward in promoting the Duke of *York's* interest, in the last *Parliament*, be able to prevent his being condemned to lose his head, notwithstanding the Council themselves had made an Explication thereof, as had also great numbers of the Conformable Clergy; and for the Readers Satisfaction, we shall here set down the Explications; and leave them to Judge where the Treason lyeth Couched in the one, more then in the other.

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The Earl of *Argyle's* Interpretation or Explanation of the Oath-Test, for which he was Tried and Cast as Guilty of High-Treason.

I Have considered the Test, and am willing to give Obedience so far as I can: I am confident the Parliament never intended to impose contrary Oaths; and therefore I think no Man can explain it but for himself, and reconcile it as it is genuine, and agree in its own sense. And I take it in so far as it is consistent with it self and the Protestant Religion: And I declare I mean not to bind up my self in my Station, and in a Lawful way to reach and endeavour any alteration, I think to the advantage of Church or State, and repugnant to the Protestant Religion and my Loyalty: and this I understand as a part of my Oath.

The Explanation of the Council as it was Published, Nov. 21. 1681. in the *Gazette*.

Edinburgh, Nov. 3. His Majesties Privy Council here have made the following Act concerning the Test.

FOr as much as some have entertained Jealousies and Prejudices against the Oath and Test appointed to be taken by all Persons in Publick trust, Civil, Ecclesiastick, or Military, in this Kingdom, by the Sixth Act of his Majesties Third Parliament, as if thereby they were to swear to every Proposition or Clause of the confession of Faith therein mentioned, or that Invasion were by it made upon the Intrinsic Spiritual Power of the Church, or Power of the Keys; or as if the present Episcopal Government of this National Church by Law Established, were thereby exposed to the hazard of Alteration or subversion, all which are far from the Intention or Design of the Parliaments imposing this Oath, and from the Genuine sense & meaning thereof: Therefore his Royal Highness, his Majesties High Commissioner, and the Lords of the Privy Council, do allow, Authorize & Impower the Arch-Bishops and Bishops, to administer this Oath and Test to the Ministers in their respective Diocesses, in this express Sense, as the Sense of the Parliament.

1. *That though the Confession of Faith ratified in Parliament, 1567. was framed in the Infancy of our Reformation, and deserves its due praise ; yet by the Test we do not swear to every Proposition or Clause therein contained, but only to the true Protestant Religion founded upon the Word of God, contained in that Confession as it is opposed to Popery and Phanaticism.*

2. *That by the Test or any Clause therein contained, no Invasion or Inroad is made or intended upon the Intrinsick Spiritual Power of the Church, or Power of the Keyes, as it was exercsed by the Apostles, and the most pure and Primitive, in the Three first Centuries after Christ, and which is still reserved intirely to the Church Episcopal.*

3. *That the Oath and Test is without any prejudice to the Government of this National Church, which is declared by the first Act of the Second Session of his Majesties first Parliament, to be most agreeable to the Word of God, and most suitable to Monarchy, and which upon all Occasions, his Majestie hath declared he will inviolably and unalterably preserve. And do appoint the Arch-Bishops and Bishops to require the Ministers in their respective Diocesses, with their first conveniency, to obey the Law in swearing and subscribing the aforesaid Test ; with Certification that the Refusers shall be esteemed Persons disaffected to the Protestant Religion, and to his Majesties Government ; and that the Punishment appointed by the aforesaid Sixth Act of his Majesties Third Parliament, shall be impartially and without delay inflicted upon them.*

We shall here give the Reader an Account of what hath been observed by some from the Councils Explanation of the Test : you must understand by the Confession mentioned in the Test, that Confession of Faith which was drawn up by the first Reformers, and ratified by King *James* in the Parliament holden in *Scotland* in the Year 1567. from the Preamble of the Explanatory they observe, that others besides the Earl of *Argyle* had entertained Jealousies & Prejudices against the said Oath and Test.

2. That their Lordships were not Ignorant of those Jealousies, nor that many of the Kings good Subjects were in the number of those who were prejudiced against the foresaid Oath and Test, whose weakness their Lordships were willing to gratifie by condescending to an Explanation. From

From the First Head they observe,

1. That they can be no *Protestants*, who scruple the taking the Oath and Test upon that Account, since it was they that at first formed and composed the Confession, and never Questioned or scrupled Subscribing to the whole; for from the beginning of the Reformation it was that which they contended for and Triumphed in as their Glory, and procured it to be enacted, that whosoever opposed it should not be taken for Members of their Church.

2. That they can be no other but *Papists* that scruple it upon this Account, since they alwayes from the beginning of the Reformation did, and to this Day do, abhor it and refuse Subscription to it, except such only as have from their Confessors an Indulgence to subscribe any thing, whereby they may be rendered the more capable of serving the *Papal* Interest.

3. That in this Explanation there is large Provision made for *P*——tender Consciences; *First*, by affirming that by the Test they do not swear to every Proposition or Clause contained in the Confession, and yet not mentioning to how many, or to how few they do Swear, or to which Clauses they are bound to Swear, and to which they are not; and all Men may well imagine that the *Papists* being thus left at their Liberty, will be indulgent enough to themselves, and Swear to very few that touch their beloved Principles; but will have the Impudence to lay hold on this Explanation as their greatest happiness, in making the Test as easie as they can desire. *Secondly*, In that we are to Swear to the True *Protestant* Religion therein contained, as it is founded on the Word of God, and as it is opposed to *Papery* and *Fanaticism*. Now this Affirmative leaves things at as much uncertainty as the former Negative. For *first*, some will make all things that agree not with their humour to be *Papery*, and others will have nothing to be so that agrees with theirs. Some will make all things *Fanaticism*, and some will make nothing so. And then it necessarily follows, that to Swear to the Confession so far only as it is opposed to these, is to Swear to every thing or nothing. *Secondly*, to Swear to the Confession so far as it is founded on the Word of God, is no more than any Man will Swear.

A *Papist* will Swear to *Protestantism* thus far, for he hath a two-

fold Word of God, a written and an unwritten Word, he hath a Scriptural and Traditional Word of God; and he is not such a Fool, as to exclude himself from Honours, Offices and preferments, for a silly Word called *Protestantism*; let him be obliged to Sware to it no further than as it is agreeable to the Word of God, and he will be content to do that without the least Hesitation whatsoever: And so will a *Protestant* Subscribe to the Council of *Trent*, and a *Nonconformist* to the Liturgy, so far as they are agreeable to the Word of God. (*If this be not a leaving every Man to explain for himself, with a Witness, I am mistaken.*) Thirdly, This Comment destroys the Text, and the Explanation overthrows the Design of the Test: for the Design, or the pretended Design of the Test, is to secure the *Protestant* Religion, which *Protestant* Religion, is contained in this Confession of Faith, and this Confession of Faith is supposed to be founded on the Word of God. But says the Explanation, we are not obliged to subscribe to every Clause and Proposition therein, but only to the True *Protestant* Religion contained in the Confession, so far as it is founded on the Word of God, and opposed to *Papery* and *Fanaticism*; whereas there is nothing in the World more plain, than that the Confession is the Touch-stone, the Test and Standard of the *Protestant* Religion in that Kingdom, and hath been owned as such ever since the Reformation of the Church of *Scotland*. Fourthly, All that profess the Christian Religion, do pretend, that their Principles are founded on the Scriptures, only they differ in the Explication thereof; to prevent which evil, the first Reformers in *Scotland*, (and so in *England* and other Churches too) labour'd to reduce the Principles of Religion contained in the Scriptures to a Certainty, by drawing up the Heads of their Faith into certain Articles which they own as their belief from Gods Word: But now comes this lax Interpretation, which not insisting upon the Truth of the National Confession of Faith, enjoyns Men to Swear to it not as Consonant to Gods Word, but so far as it is so: And saith, We are not obliged to Swear that every Clause and Proposition thereof contains sound Doctrine, but such as are founded on the Word of God: And yet which they are, it prudently Conceals.

And to conclude, are they not *Tories* that are now labouring
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with so much industry to free the *Papist* from the Odium and Guilt of Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey's* Death? and have not the same Men employ'd themselves in *Papal* Interest, and endeavoured to the uttermost of their power to sham the *Popish-Plot*, and procure the belief of a *Protestant* one, ever since the first Discovery of the *Popish-Plot*? if any doubt of this, if they will but take the trouble to look over *Thompson's* Intelligences & other Libels published by him, they will there find innumerable instances and undeniable demonstrations that *Thompson* has been indefatigable in his attempts of that nature. And as for *Jack Farwel* he also embraced the same Interest as soon as his Com-Rogue *Thompson*, as will appear by this Instance. It is well known that Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey* being Murdered by the *Papists* for doing his duty, and endeavouring with as much Zeal to make a full discovery of the Plot, as the *Tories* have done to stifle it; Sir *William Waller* was put into Commission, and as he supplied his Place, so he followed his Example in Prosecuting the discovery of the Plot, with an unwearied diligence and an undaunted resolution; whereby instead of procuring love and respect for his Loyalty to the Kings Majesty and the *Protestant* Religion, he procured nothing but hatred and malice from the *Tories*, in whose esteem *Wakeman*, *Grove*, or *Fenwick*, were brave fellows if compared with *Waller*: and I remember very well that the Day before the Choosing Burgesses for *Westminster*, to sit in the last *Westminster* Parliament, I was at the *Sun Tavern* in *Kings-Street Westminster*, and in comes *Jack Farwel* who was then Deputy Bailly of *Westminster*; and *Stroud* who was Head Bailly being Sick, *Farwell* was then to Officiate as Head Bailly; Well, said some of the Company, how will it go to Morrow, Mr. *Farwel*? will Sir *William Waller* carry it? No, I hope not, replies *Farwel*, I hear he intends to be in *Field* very early in the Morning with Four or Five hundred Horse, but if he be, to do him a kindness, I will presently Adjourn to *Westminster-Hall*; so that *Tory* was resolved to give Sir *William* as much Trouble as he could; to be even with him for the trouble he had given his beloved Friends the *Jesuits*. And indeed so zealous have the *Tories* been in the management of their Plot, and so desirous to see it succeed, that some have morgaged their Honesty, and others have pawned their Honour for the carrying it on.



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APPENDIX,

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A Description of *Popery*, and the Designs of the *Popish* and *Tory* Plots.

POpery is a large Fabrick, of a vast extent, it being above one Thousand Leagues in Compass, and above one Thousand years in Building; the chief Contriver was the Devil, and the Master Workman the Pope; the Foundation whereupon this Superstructure is Built, is a false Interpretation of Holy Scripture, ramm'd down with a Battery of Holy Pretences, the Corner Stone (that the work might be Immortal) is made of a large square piece of polished Infallibility, cut out of the Quarry of Diabolical Pride and Arrogancy, and Cemented with the Blood of Emperours and Kings, and curiously Enamel'd with Usurpation and Tyranny; the Porch is built with strong Delusion, and Satannical Deceits and Allurements, covered over with Universality, upon the Front of which is engraven in Capital Letters, *All these that enter not in here are Damn'd for ever*; this Writing is enamel'd round with strong Perswasions, and convincing Arguments made of Fire and Faggot; the Gates whereat you enter are made of Ignorance, curiously Carved after the Pagan Fashion; the Hinges upon which they turn, and the Locks and Bars wherewith they are secured are all made of Implicit Faith, the Stairs by which you ascend to the Gates, are made of Forgery and Imposture, fastened and secured with pretended Donations; within the Gate is a spacious square Yard, paved with Holy Cheers and Pious

Pious Frauds, polished with Serpentine Subtilty, till they are as smooth as Glass, so that all those that walk thereon have their Feet tript up insensibly, and by that fall rendered incapable of ever standing upright again without a Miracle; the Walls are Built of false and pretended Miracles, Cemented with Impudence and Atheism, the Pillars which uphold the Towering Pride of this lofty Fabrick are *Trentine* Councils and Decrees, curiously Carved and Adorned with Profaneness and Blasphemy, the Rafter's are all made of Purgatory and Transubstantiation, Floored with works of Supererogation, and curiously Ciel'd with *Franciscan* and *Ignatian* Inventions; Beautified and Varnished over with Canonization; the Rooms are all hung with strong delusion and Flattery, richly Imbroidered and Adorned with Pompous and Ceremonious Worship; the Stairs by which those that enter, ascend to first, second and third Stories, are made of Blood and Cruelty, and exactly shaped like that of the *Parisian* Massacre, supported by Pardons and Indulgences of all sins for a Thousand Years to come; the Rails and Bannisters are made of Rebellion and Treason, painted with the Blood of Princes and Nobles, and richly Adorned with the Spoils of Emperours and Kings, as Crowns, Scepters, and the like; all the Doors of the three first Stories are made of voluntary Humility, polished Idolatry and blind Obedience; the Stairs which lead up to the fourth Story, are made with Boards of *Spanish* Inquisition, supported by specious Pretences of increasing the Catholick Religion, and Converting *Moors* and *Indians* to the Christian Faith; the Rails and Bannisters are made of Racks and Dungeons, painted with the Blood of Martyrs, and Varnished over with the Tears of Orphans and Widdows; the Rooms are all hung, and Adorned with Invincible Armadoes, Powder Treasons, and *Irish* Rebellions; and round the Rooms hang several curious Pictures of the several Tragical Exploits of their famous Hero the Duke *D'alva* in the *Netherlands*; and upon the Cielings are Painted the lively Representation of the Assassination of the two French Kings; the Windows are of several Forms, but they are all glazed with Believing as the Church believes, a kind of *Italian* Invention, so clouded and shaded over, that whosoever is within side, are not able to discern

cern things as they are, but embrace Shadows for real Substances, as the feigned Knights of old were wont do, when by the Power of Magick Spells, they were confined within the Walls of Castles rear'd by Enchantment; and lest the Sun-Beams should Penetrate through the Windows, (which is almost impossible) they have provided strong Shutters of unknown Tongues, so that not one glimpse of saving knowledge can enter. But the first Story which is now in Building, is the most famous and splendid part of the whole Fabrick: the Walls are built of Jesuitical Subtilty, cemented with French Flattery, the Stairs are all made of Flaming Towns and Cities, supported by Firebails and other Combustible matter, all a-long the Stairs hang several large Pictures of Expectation, and on the top of the Stairs stands a stately Image of Vain-hope; the Rafterers are all made of intentional Massacre and Destruction, and Floor'd with spoyl of Hereticks, and Ciel'd with *White Horse* and *Wild Horse* Consults; the Rooms are all hung with Horrid Plots and Hellish Conspiracies, curiously Embroidered with Traiterous Resolves and Bloody Determinations, and richly furnished with Assassination and Murder, the Doors are all made of Auricular Confession, and turn upon Hinges made of Oaths of Secresie; the Cornishes, Architraves, Frénes, and the like, are made of Consecrated Daggers and Pistols Artificially wrapt up in long Cravats; and the whole Fabrick being almost finished, they resolve to Lead it over with Extirpation of *Northern Heresie*, Sodered with a mixture of *Smithfield Piles*, and *No Faith to be kept with Hereticks*; but the Building being much indammaged by some Storms lately raised against it, and the Work-mén fearing lest it should be quite Battered down and Demolished before they can get it Leaded, have been at a vast charge to buy a large Tarpawlin made of Tory Shamplots, which are so artificially Sewed together, that it's a matter of incredible difficulty to discern the Seams, and withall so very large, that they doubt not but with it to cover the whole Fabrick, and thereby not only secure it from being Demolished, but also from being much indammaged by those Storms, untill they can get it Leaded over as aforesaid.

